

REMARKS

With the above amendments, claims 1-10 and 12-17 remain in the application. Claims 11 and 18-20 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Claims 1 and 12 are hereby amended. No new matter is being added.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the last office action, claims 11 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 is hereby amended so as to incorporate the allowable subject matter from dependent claim 11. As such, applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is now in form for allowance.

Claim 12 is hereby amended so as to now depend from claim 1. Claims 2-10 and 13-17 also depend from claim 1. Hence, applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 2-10 and 12-17 are now also in form for allowance.

Conclusion

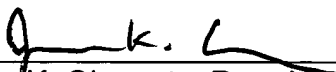
With the above-discussed amendments to the claims, it is believed that claims 1-10 and 12-17 are now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

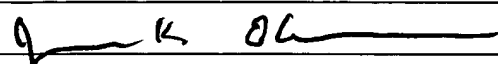
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408) 436-2111 for any questions.

If for any reason an insufficient fee has been paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-2427.

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